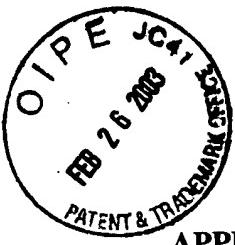


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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a petition is made for a two (2) month extension of time extending the response period to file the enclosed Amendment until February 11, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any further extension and/or fee that is required to Deposit Order Account 19-0079.

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